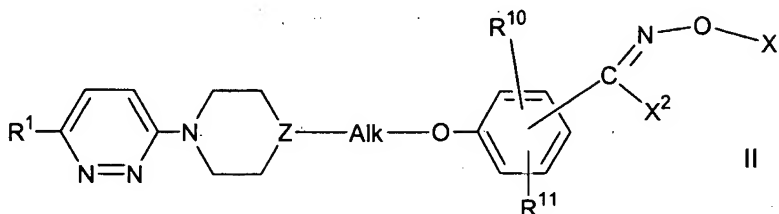


Amendments to the Abstract:

Please cancel the previous Abstract and replace it with the following new Abstract:

Disclosed herein are compounds of formula II:



wherein Alk, Z, X¹, X², R¹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are defined herein, and their salts and pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof, as well as other compounds of the general formula Het-A-Alk-W-Ar-C(X²)=NO-X² where Het, A, W and Ar are also defined herein. These compounds are useful in treating picornavirus infections in mammals. Novel intermediates of these compounds, as well as pharmaceutical compositions and methods of use, are also disclosed herein.